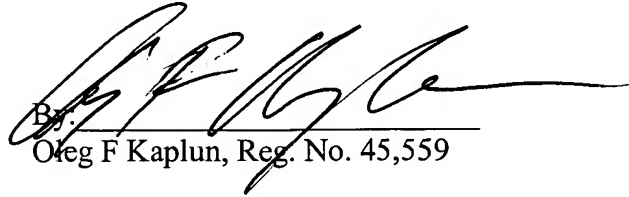


REMARKS

Claims 2-12, 14-19, 22-24, 26 and 28-30 have been amended. Thus, claims 1-31 remain pending in this application. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are new, non-obvious and useful. An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 11, 2006


By _____
Oleg F Kaplun, Reg. No. 45,559

Fay Kaplun & Marcin, LLP
150 Broadway, Suite 702
New York, New York 10038
(212) 619-6000 - Tel
(212) 619-0276 - Fax